spent by government servant in appearing as witness before the Board of Arbitration is treated as duty with normal TA|DA. Since 1969, this facility was restricted to two persons which was extended to three in September, 1985.

Increased amounts for Andhra Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan

*400. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount to be given to Andhra Pradesh for their various programmes during the remaining part of the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNNG AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) State Plan outlays are determined on year to year basis consistent with States' own resources and Central assistance admissible to them as per Modified Gadgil Formula. It is difficult at this stage to forecast any increase in sectoral allocations under various programmes over the current year's level pending finalisation of the State's Annual Plan for 1988-89 and 1989-90

Agitation launched by Vanniyar Sangam in Tamil Nadu for job reservation

@2734 SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vinniyar Sangam of Tamil Nadu has launched an agitation in support of its demand for a guaranteed 20 per cent share of State Government jobs and two per cent at the Centre; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The Government of Tamil Nadu has been requested to furnish information in this regard which is awaited:

Standardisation of Geographical names

@@2735. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has been considering the problem of standardisation of geographical names for the purpose of international cooperation in cartography;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) and UNESCO have published 'Climatic Atlas of Asia I' in 1981 in which the international standard names in Roman Script are used including the names of Dilli, Mumbai, Kalikatta, Bengalura, etc.;

(c) whether Government would use these standard names as official names hereafter; and

(d) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The United Nations Groups of Experts on Geographical Names was

@Previously Unstarred Question 1658, transferred from the 24th November, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 1675 transferred from the 24th November, 1987.